

Funds for Planning (Preliminary Engineering Reports) for Water and Wastewater Projects

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What funds for planning are available?	Planning grant	Funds for planning are reimbursed as part of an overall project.	Planning Loan: 0% interest with a term of 5 to 15 years. This is rolled into the construction loan. Engineering Planning Advance: interest free loan paid back at the start of construction. (Use of this is limited.)	Planning Loan: 0% interest with a five-year term.
How much is available for any one project?	Max. \$40,000 Min. \$3,000	Fair and reasonable amount based on scope of project.	Fair and reasonable amount based on scope of project.	Limits have not been established.
Annual allocation	\$450,000	Not a separate allocation.	Not a separate allocation.	Based on projected need.
Grant duration	18 to 24 months with a possible 9-month extension	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Timely, efficient implementation is required.
Application process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are 6 cycles in FY02 Staff recommends to the Community Development Board; the Board recommends to the Agency Secretary; the Agency Secretary makes the awards 	Submit proposed agreement for engineering services for planning to agency for review. Funds are not available until the loan is closed during construction. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis	Submit an application with a draft engineering agreement. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.	Project ranking based on priority list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> water quality deficiencies construction deficiencies reliability and efficiency issues population household income Applications are accepted on a continuing basis. Applicants given 60 days to submit an application after being notified of availability of funds.
Selection Criteria	Project need Project impact Project feasibility	Highest ranking projects are funded as funds become available and on readiness to proceed (a positive bond vote).	Project-specific planning is funded at a pace necessary to ready projects for use of anticipated available construction funds. General planning is funded at the discretion of the Department and subject to the availability of funds.	Highest ranking projects are funded as funds become available.
Repayment		Thirty to forty year project loan.	The planning loan will be rolled into the construction loan with the 2% administrative fee.	The planning loan will be rolled into the construction loan. Repayment begins two years after the last disbursement or approval of the Preliminary Engineering Report, whichever occurs first.
Match requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10% for the first \$20,000 of VCDP funds 50% of VCDP funds exceeding \$20,000 	None	None	None
Eligible purposes for planning funds	All planning necessary for an eligible implementation project (feasibility, preliminary, design)	All planning necessary for an eligible implementation project (feasibility, preliminary, design)	Planning Loan is available for municipal pollution abatement or control projects. Engineering Planning Advance may be available for municipal pollution abatement projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal systems with populations under 10,000. Feasibility studies and planning and preliminary designs for water system improvement projects needed to comply with state and federal standards and to improve public health.
Procurement requirements	Refer to the chart on procurement	A request for proposals is encouraged. Professional service contracts require review and approval of scope of services, level of effort, and cost. All feasibility studies, planning documents, and Preliminary Engineering Reports require review and approval.	Professional service contracts require review and approval of scope of services, level of effort, and cost. All feasibility studies, planning documents, and Preliminary Engineering Reports require review and approval.	Professional service contracts require review and approval of scope of services, level of effort, and cost. All feasibility studies, planning documents, and Preliminary Engineering Reports require review and approval.